

## **MORE PAINT RECYCLING AT DEL NORTE COUNTY TRANSFER STATION**

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Starting this week, recycling paint in Del Norte County just got much simpler. You can now recycle up to 15 gallons of paints, stains and varnishes for no charge every day at the Del Norte County Transfer Station. The Del Norte Solid Waste Management Authority has partnered with Hambro WSG Inc., and PaintCare to make paint recycling easier than ever before.

Keep your paints in the original container with the label on and the lid shut tight, and recycle them at the Del Norte County Transfer Station off Elk Valley Road in Crescent City. They now accept all non-aerosol household latex, enamel, or oil-based paints, stains, varnishes, lacquers and water proofing coatings for no charge every day we are open. To stay under State transportation limits and avoid getting a ticket, please limit the amount of hazardous waste you haul to 15 gallons or less.

This product stewardship program is paid for by fees charged for new paints: \$0.75 per gallon of new paint, or \$1.60 per five-gallon bucket. The Del Norte Solid Waste Management Authority has coordinated with the California Product Stewardship Council (CPSC) for many years to support take back programs for hazardous materials. Many household hazardous materials can only be accepted once a year in Del Norte County at the annual household hazardous waste collection event, making management of household hazardous materials both expensive and not very convenient for most customers.

Executive Director for the California Product Stewardship Council Heidi Sanborn said, “CPSC worked closely with Del Norte Solid Waste Management Authority and the American Coatings Association to pass the paint law in 2010 that shifts the cost of paint recycling from being solely on government to also being part of the price of paint. We are delighted the program has come to Del Norte. It will greatly improve convenience by allowing residents to recycle their leftover latex and oil-based paints, stains, varnish, and shellac almost every day instead of just one day per year.”

Under a California law passed in 2010, the American Coatings Association formed PaintCare as a non-profit to establish this paint stewardship program throughout California, using the revenues collected from those new paint fees to pay for recovery of used paint.

Acting Director for the Del Norte Solid Waste Management Authority Tedd Ward said, “We are thrilled to be able to offer this expanded paint recycling service to our customers every day. In 2012, 30% of the costs to provide our

annual household hazardous waste collection event were associated with paint. Now the costs for having this convenient expanded local paint recycling program will be paid when people buy new paint.”

Hambro WSG Operations Manager Joel Wallen said, “Hambro WSG is pleased to be a part of the PaintCare Program. At Hambro WSG we strive to make available to the public all state mandated programs the community is contributing dollars to.”

Though Hambro WSG has accepted household non-aerosol latex paint for no charge since the Del Norte County Transfer Station opened to the public in March 2005, this expanded paint recycling program will mark the first time daily recycling has been available in Del Norte for enamel or oil-based paints, stains, or water-proofing, or for lacquers, shellacs and varnishes. The Del Norte County Transfer Station also accepts the following materials for no charge every day it is open: televisions and computer monitors, used motor oil, oil filters, antifreeze, car batteries, all household batteries, household fluorescent tubes and bulbs, home-generated needles, syringes and sharps in FDA-approved containers.

Paint containers that are empty or completely dried out can be disposed with regular trash, and empty aerosol containers may be recycled with steel cans. Not everything in the common paint shed is included in this program. Turpentine, paint thinners, solvents, caulking, roofing tar and patch compounds are not included in this program, so households with these materials must wait until the annual household hazardous waste collection event in September for the next opportunity for legal disposal of such materials.

For more information, visit [PaintCare.org](http://PaintCare.org), who encourages you to Buy Right, Use it up, and the Recycle the rest with PaintCare.